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Susie:

Attached as per your request
for Mrs. Becky Norton Dunlop is a
biography on Mr. Casey.



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BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM J. CASEY

William Joseph Casey was sworn in as Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) on 28 January 1981. In this position he heads the Intelligence Community (all foreign intelligence agencies of the United States) and directs the Central Intelligence Agency. He is the first DCI to be designated by the President as a Cabinet officer.

Mr. Casey grew up in Long Island, New York, and graduated from Fordham University and St. John's University School of Law. He was then admitted to the New York Bar.

Following law school, he joined the Research Institute of America, rising to become chairman of the Institute's board of editors. He was commissioned in the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1943, joining the wartime staff of William J. Donovan, founder of the Office of Strategic Services. Assigned to the European Theater Mr. Casey received the Bronze Star for his work in coordinating French Resistance forces in support of the invasion of Normandy and liberation of France. Later, in 1944, he became Chief of American Secret Intelligence operations in Europe.

In 1948 he served as Associate General Counsel at the European Headquarters of the Marshall Plan. Between 1949 and 1971 he practiced law and engaged in various publishing and entrepreneurial activities in New York City.

In April 1971 Mr. Casey was designated Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission where he served until February 1973. He subsequently became Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs and President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. Returning to private life, he became Counsel to the New York and Washington law firm of Rogers and Wells.

During 1980 Mr. Casey managed the successful primary and election campaigns of President Ronald Reagan.

Mr. Casey has authored a number of books on legal and financial subjects, as well as a history of the American Revolution.

He has received the William J. Donovan Award and honorary degrees from Fordham University, St. John's University, Chung Ang University, New York Law School, Molloy College, Adelphi University and Polytechnic Institute of New York.

Mr. Casey and his wife Sophia (nee Kurz) have one daughter, Bernadette.